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Keep Away From That Switch—



To the Woodshed

Through the years the HERALD has striven to make its editorial page a collection of the thinking of the day on a wide variety of subjects. We naturally hope the readers in the 41,000 HERALD families give the page more than a passing glance.

To this end, members of the HERALD staff have worked hard to present representative comments on many issues, not only those of local nature, but also those of national interest. It follows that opinions expressed do not always reflect our own.

This was brought home to us Thursday when people objected — and we think rightly — to the poor taste of Lucius Beebe's syndicated column.

We, too, think Mr. Beebe was off base and used a poor subject in reminding us that some of our most famous heroes had feet of clay. John Glenn, in our opinion, symbolizes an ideal American hero, Mr. Beebe to the contrary.

The purpose of an editorial page is to stimulate thinking; therefore articles expressing viewpoints contrary to the HERALD's on many subjects often appear under the byline of others.

This isn't the first time we have quarrelled with opinions stated by those who material appears here.

We do reserve the right, however, to take the errant columnists to the woodshed, so to speak, at any time.

Opinions of Others

The National Safety Council reveals that 1,265,000 persons have died in this century in motor vehicle accidents in this country. By comparison, 604,773 Americans have been killed in battle or died of wounds in all this nation's principal wars, from the Revolutionary War through the Korean "conflict." War is a grim thing — but we live with something even grimmer day after day on our highways and byways. — Kittanning (Pa.) Leader.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Lucius Beebe Answered

Editor, Torrance Herald,
I am not demanding, as the politicians would say, "equal space"; but I needed the "therapy" of saying what I felt when I read Mr. Beebe's column in your paper today. As a teacher in the public schools (of Torrance) where we are keenly aware of the strength to be imparted in the stressing of moral and spiritual values, Mr. Beebe's remarks were just too much for me! So here is my answer to him:

I have heard of "righteous indignation," and that seems to be what I experienced today when I read the Lucius Beebe column in your paper. My indignation was accompanied by feelings of nausea, revulsion, and incredulity. But then questions began to arise in my mind: Who is Lucius Beebe anyway? How numerous are those who follow his philosophy? How many of our national leaders and heroes would agree with him? Would I want my child to grow up in a world dominated by his philosophy? What has he contributed to the strength, culture, morality, prestige, or preservation of the American way of life?

Since I couldn't come up with a very satisfying answer, I decided to relegate Mr. Beebe to the position of oblivion of which he is so worthy.

As for Colonel Glenn and

the "inspirational brainwashing in favor of clean living," what a refreshing experience it was for me! In recent years there has been so much to "brainwash" us in favor of profanity, promiscuity, semi-nudity, sex as a dirty word, the Tennessee-Williams brand of "adult" literature, and personal apathy in relation to our national heritage, present responsibility, and future destiny that I was not "amused," but rather "regenerated" by the "hallelujahs in favor of baby, mother, the flag, clean living, temperance, and the inviolability of marriage and the American home!"

I once had a BABY (who with fleeting rapidity has become a teenager) — and that makes me a MOTHER. I cherish a FLAG which was used to drape the bier of my CLEAN LIVING brother who died to defend his country. And I have seen more times than I care to recall the heartbreak, misery, and suffering which arise as the result of intemperance and a lack of respect for marriage and the home.

Incidentally, I would choose neither Buffalo Bill Cody, John L. Sullivan, nor General Grant as my national hero; and I take strong issue with the statement that "the outstanding favorites of a better time are part of an imposing list of lechers,

James Dorais

Development of Common Market Challenges U. S.

Beyond question, the most far-reaching single issue before Congress this session is

what the proper American response should be to the enormous challenge posed by the European Common Market.

ECM, born less than five years ago by treaty agreements between France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, provided for gradual elimination of tariff rates among member nations, with a common external tariff wall applied to goods from all other countries. Its success to date has resulted in applications for full membership from Great Britain, Denmark, Norway and Ireland and applications for associate membership from Austria, Sweden and Switzerland.

According to economic analyst Sylvia Porter, the European Common Market, within the next few years, is expected to have a membership of 18 Western European nations, with a population of 328 million as against 181 million in the United States. Its steel output will greatly exceed ours, its auto and electrical output will closely approach ours. Its industrial plant, partly financed by gifts from American taxpayers, is newer and consequently more efficient than ours.

Although ECM is rapidly moving toward an internal free trade area with greater potential than that comprised by the 50 free American states, it is erecting protective tariff walls against outside nations, including the United States. European autos will move duty-free among member nations, but the tariff currently proposed against U.S.-made cars will add 29

per cent to their cost. The ECM tariff proposed for California prunes is 18 per cent.

To meet the Common Market challenge, the Kennedy Administration is asking for authority to negotiate mutual across-the-board tariff reductions. Business and labor spokesmen for industries that would be adversely affected by tariff slashes advocate the diametrically opposite proposal of building higher tariff walls of our own.

Regardless of which point of view prevails, a hard core problem will remain: American production costs of agricultural crops and manufactured goods far exceed those of the booming Western European nations. American labor costs per ton of steel, for example, are more than three times greater than European. American goods for export must bear the cost of high corporation taxes, through high sales levies, which its exports escape.

America's pioneering mass production techniques, which for many decades offset these disadvantages, are now being successfully employed by ECM countries. Obviously, of far more importance than tariff tinkering is the urgent need to cut production costs in order to compete under whatever tariff rules are applied.

Yet this major problem is not only being ignored by the Kennedy Administration, but is made more difficult of solution with every new inflationary proposal for increased domestic spending programs.

ROYCE BRIER

Out of the Past

From the Pages of the HERALD

40 Years Ago

On Wednesday evening of this week the American Legion, in conjunction with the Legion Auxiliary, staged their first charity ball and reports indicate the affair was a complete success from every standpoint. The net proceeds are to be turned over to the Torrance Relief Assn. for disbursement as they see fit and we are all of the mind that the money will be well spent.

There will be a meeting of the Peptomist Club at 7 p.m. March 23 at Legion hall. Come and see how 600 newly organized Peptomists work, see how we stand for certain principles in the community in which we live, officials said.

30 Years Ago

Plans for Easter sunrise services in the Palos Verdes

foothills south of Lomita are being carefully prepared by the various organizations which will take part. At 5:30 a.m. Sunday, March 27, thousands of worshippers will gather at the foot of Narbonne Ave., guided there by local troops of Boy Scouts who will direct traffic.

Juvenile delinquency was a problem as long ago as 1932, the files of THE HERALD reveal. A story told of the disappearance of several young boys and girls from the community and of intense search being carried on in Los Angeles dance halls for one 14-year-old lass. The paper blamed spring fever and the lure of the bright lights of the city.

A cooking school, sponsored jointly by THE HERALD and Safeway stores was the big news for women readers 30 years ago. The three-day event was held in the Woman's club building on Engra-

cia with Miss B. Edna Gavin, home economist, in charge. Better nutritional cooking as well as more efficient organization of kitchen methods were the main themes of the two-hour programs.

Effective Tuesday, March 1, The Long Beach Morning Sun has been sold to the Press-Telegram and will be issued in the future as that newspaper's morning edition. W. Harold Kingsley, who has been managing editor of The Sun will remain under the new management as news and city editor.

20 Years Ago

The question of whether local air raid wardens are entitled to workmen's compensation is being weighed this week by the county council's office, in response to the request of the County Defense Council for a formal opinion.

'Senior Citizens' Now Earning New Attention

Politicians refer to persons over 65 as "senior citizens." It is supposed to be more tactful, and to catch more votes, than to say old men and women.

In our youth, politicians had not coined the term. The elderly were presumed to be like everybody else, one part of the body politic. But then, in our youth there were proportionately far fewer of the elderly around.

Just how many fewer is revealed in a bulletin recently issued by Population Reference Bureau. There are now 17 million elderly Americans, over 9 per cent of the population, and 15 per cent of the electorate. In 1900, the elderly numbered 4 per cent of the population. No wonder the latter-day politician has become acutely aware of his older constituents.

In the last decade alone, while the total population in-

creased 18.5 per cent, the elderly increased 34.7 per cent. There are 11 elderly women to nine elderly men, and there are proportionately more elderly whites than elderly non-whites.

Advance in the medical sciences is the primary cause of increase of the old, and the trend will continue, says the bureau.

The highest proportion of elderly live in the trans-Mississippi states, in Maine, and, of course, in Florida, due to migration. The highest proportion in the West live in Oregon, 10.4 per cent, and California is 8.8 per cent. But the minimum state percentage is in Alaska, 2.4 per cent, and Hawaii is also low.

Yet youth also grows faster than the general average, so our country grows "younger" as well as "older." This accounts for some of our concern with youth. It certainly

counts for some of our concern, programs for training and hiring the old special clubs, and what the bureau calls "mushrooming senior citizens' housing centers."

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A Bookman's Notebook

Hemingway's Brother Pens View of Writer

William Hogan

Ernest Hemingway's younger brother, Leicester, has come up with the first of what may be many biographical works on the late writer. "My Brother, Ernest Hemingway" appears less than eight months after the tragedy in Idaho. It is an uneven book that plays heavily on family ties and tensions and on Ernest's early years in Oak Park, Ill., up in Michigan; his newspaper days and the 1918 war.

Leicester was born 16 years later than Ernest (in 1915), so many of the incidents that were important in his brother's early life were necessarily drawn from conversations with their late parents, sisters and family friends.

One of Hemingway's sisters, Marcelline, is reported to be writing her own version of the family story. And, with the author's widow in consultation, Carlos Baker of the Princeton English department is now engaged in the "official" biography. Perhaps others who had direct connections with any segment of Hemingway's extraordinarily active life will produce rather personal biographical sketches. Leicester, however, is in there first with a rundown from the family files. To wit: "Our parents, when they finally read 'The Sun Also Rises' were bewildered and shocked... They did not know what to make of the scenes and characters in the book. Their emotions were shaken... It was referred to as 'that book.'"

Hemingway was evidently fond of his little brother through the years. Later they fished many times together off Key West and Cuba. Leicester is just as much a big game fishing enthusiast as Ernest was (the now lives on his own boat in the Caribbean), and these deep water recollections are particularly fine.

Leicester sheds some new sidelights on Ernest's four wives; of his attitudes and exploits during the Spanish Civil War and Second World War, and occasionally reveals conversations that he and Ernest had on writers and writings.

It is always interesting to read about Ernest Hemingway. And although Leicester's "inside stuff" attitude becomes tiresome on occasion, he does discuss a great American literary figure from a close-in view. The result is lively, and once in a while

Quote

"Khrushchev is not the first dictator who has vowed to bury us. On the other hand, it could be that we haven't buried our last dictator."—Edward A. Bandjough, Wewahitchka (Fla.) Gulf County Breeze.

even moving, anecdotal material on Ernest Hemingway as brother, character and man of the world.

Leicester disputes the statement by the writer's widow that his death was an "incredible accident." He describes it flatly as suicide, caused by fatigue and melancholy brought on by declining health. He writes: "Ernest felt his own body had betrayed him. Rather

than allow it to betray him further, he, who had given what he once described as the gift of death to so many living creatures in his lifetime, loaded the weapon he held and then leaned forward as he placed the stock of his favorite shotgun on the floor of the foyer, and found a way to trip the cocked hammers of the gun." My Brother, Ernest Hemingway. By Leicester Hemingway. World, 283 pp.; illus.; \$4.95.

Around the World With



DELAPLANE

"We are on a limited budget with a possible three weeks in Japan. We are rugged and don't require best accommodations. Your advice please for seeing a LOT of the country."

Trains are the best way to make it around Japan. Or you could rent a Japanese scooter. (The roads are not very good for cars.)

For inexpensive accommodations, the government subsidized youth hostels have been highly recommended to me. Any age can use them — you need a card (cost \$4.18) from Japan Youth Hostels, Fuji-kan Bldg., 2 Kotohira-cho, Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo. Literature on these from Japan Tourist Assn., 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

Carry your things in simple form—a rucksack would be good. Most of the hostels (there are more than 300) are Japanese inn style. Sleep on the floor, deep dish bath, etc.

For sample costs: Bed, 28 cents; breakfast, 28 cents; dinner, 42 cents; use the kitchen for cooking and it costs only 5 cents. Train rates are very easy. Carry a Japanese-English dictionary. You won't find much English spoken.

"We are staying in a hotel on Hollywood boulevard during our three weeks visiting our daughter. Can we get into a movie studio?"

Tanner Gray Line tours take you through a studio and some of the TV studios with the shows. You get a pretty good idea of how they do it and I think you'll like it.

"... though we won't be going for a year, we'd like to read some book with price background on Europe."

"New Horizons Living Abroad" is put out by Pan American World Airways at \$4.95. Probably have to write for it — P.O. Box 1111, New York City 17.

This has so much information for the person living in the 88 countries (all over the world), I think it is worth reading.

"Where would you advise a single girl to go dancing in Rome?"

You don't find spots like this in Rome any more than you do in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco. But a nice, relaxed place to mill around and meet people — (o.k. for single girls) with community singing, Da Meo Patacca in the Tastevere section. The old part of Rome across the Tiber.

This is a better district generally for less expensive restaurants and less of the pickup, gigolo action all tourist girls get annoyed with in the touristy parts.

If you have a date, La Habala above Hostaria dell'Orso is the top night club. But watch out for those charming dates you meet at tea time. They expect you to pick up the check. And a sifter fee.

"What do you do about driving the Alaska Highway?"

Get a list of campgrounds from Div-Tours, 310 Alaska Office Bldg., Juneau, Alaska. Allow at least eight days—it's 2,350 miles and, while the road is all right, it's not a speedway.

Allow yourself \$250 (less if you camp out).

Stan Delaplane finds it impossible to answer all of his travel mail.

For his intimate tips on Japan, Italy, England, France, Russia, Hawaii, Mexico, Ireland, and Spain (10 cents each), send coins and stamped, self-addressed, large envelope to the Torrance HERALD, Box RR, Torrance, Calif.

Morning Report:

The United States Surgeon General, which makes him the top pill peddler in the Nation, has ordered a major attack on the common cold. His plans sound impressive. But I'll bet his troops never leave the Red Cross Hospitality Centers.

There is lots of misery in a common cold. (Pardon me while I blow my nose.) But no drama. If he puts out containers asking for donations, all he'll get is dirty Kleenex. Not a dime.

The Surgeon General is out of step with the times. We can put a man in orbit at 17,500 miles per hour. But we can't solve the 5 o'clock traffic jam.

Abe Mellinkoff